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## Navajo President Shelly Releases Back To School Statement

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly released the following back-to-school message.

“Every year as the summer starts to cool, we send our children back to start a new school year. We have the opportunity for our young people to learn and better their future.

Today’s world is changing so fast and we must encourage our children to learn how to navigate through this complex world and create a good life for themselves. Education has long been a pillar for a strong productive life.

As our children continue to maximize their educational goals, they establish a new founded knowledge to enhance their lives, which is to say, they are enhancing our lives.

With each educational success comes enhanced definitions of prosperity and that raises the quality of life for our people.

Young people, please learn all you can and take advantage of the opportunities that are in front of you. You are going to be successful and we believe in each and everyone one of you.

My challenge to you is learn new ways to move our Navajo Nation forward. We have to change our thinking that the government is a place of employment in the future. We need start businesses on the Navajo Nation and create new jobs. This is the need of the future.

My people please join the First Lady, the Vice President and myself and let us all pray for our children as they return to school. Let’s pray for their positive thinking, their health, and their safe journeys. Our children are our most precious resource because they are the ones who hold our dreams for to make our Navajo Nation stronger. “

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